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1 2 3	Title: Recognizing October 2019 as ``National Women's Small Business Month".
4 5	Whereas the National Women's Business Council has declared October 2019 "National Women's Small Business Month";
6	Whereas there are more than 12,900,000 women-owned small businesses in the United States;
7 8	Whereas women-owned small businesses generate \$1,900,000,000,000 in total receipts, which is a 21 percent increase since 2014;
9 10	Whereas the growth rate for women-owned employer firms is more than double the growth rate of all other small businesses;
11 12	Whereas, in comparison to 2014, there are nearly 2,250,000 additional women-owned employer firms and nearly 700,000 additional jobs;
13 14	Whereas Congress continues to support the National Women's Business Council and its focus on alleviating obstacles women face as business owners and entrepreneurs;
15	Whereas the celebration of "National Women's Small Business Month" would—
16	(1) honor women small business owners and women entrepreneurs; and
17 18	(2) recognize the significance of the contributions of women to the small business community: Now, therefore, be it
19	Resolved, That the Senate—
20	(1) recognizes October 2019 as "National Women's Small Business Month";
21 22	(2) honors the vital role of women small business owners and women entrepreneurs in the United States during "National Women's Small Business Month";
23 24	(3) recognizes the significant contributions of women small business owners and women entrepreneurs to the small business community;
25 26	(4) supports and encourages young women entrepreneurs to pursue their passions and create more start-up businesses;
27 28 29	(5) recognizes the importance of creating policies that promote a business-friendly environment for small business owners that is free of unnecessary and burdensome regulations and red tape; and
30	(6) supports efforts to—
31	(A) encourage consumers to shop locally; and
32 33	(B) increase awareness of the value of locally-owned small businesses and the impact of women-owned small businesses on the economy of the United States.